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SAIGON, COMM., FEB. 7 (AP)—A FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ACCUSED THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TODAY OF INCHING CLOSE TO THE COMMUNISTS IN A PRETZIED SEARCH FOR 'PEACE' PRIOR TO THE NEXT AMERICAN ELECTIONS."

THE CHARGE WAS MADE BY NGUYEN KHANH THONG, ONETIME CHIEF PRESS AIDE TO GEN. NGUYEN KHANH WIEN KHANH WAS PREMIER OF SOUTH VIET NAM. HIS STATEMENT WAS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE YALE DAILY NEWS.

THONG, NOW A LECTURER IN VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS AT YALE UNIVERSITY, STAYED BEHIND THE BACK OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON, THE CIA "CONDUCTING IN SOUTH VIET NAM THE LARGEST OPERATION IN ITS HISTORY TO BRING ABOUT A QUICK POLITICAL 'SETTLEMENT' OF THE WAR WITH THE COMMUNISTS, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE NEXT AMERICAN ELECTIONS."

HIS STATEMENT SAID THE CIA AND THE U.S. EMBASSY WORKED AT TIMES AT CROSS PURPOSES, PRESENTED BY CIA REPRESENTATIVES WAS EXERTED ON SAIGON POLITICIANS, AND CIA FIGURES EVEN MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR, GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR. HE ACCUSED THE CIA OF A DIPLOMATIC COUP IN REPLACING THE SAIGON AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, GEN. TRAN THIEN KHIEM, WITH VU VAN THAI, WHOM THONG DESCRIBES AS "A NEUTRALIST."

THONG IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE DAI VIET (NATIONALIST) PARTY OF SOUTH VIET NAM, AND AS CHIEF PRESS AIDE TO GEN. KHANH BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MAY, 1964.

THE STATEMENT SAID THONG WAS LESS WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YALE PROF. STAUGHTON LYND, WHO UNDERTOOK AN UNAUTHORIZED PEACE MISSION TO COMMUNIST NORTH VIET NAM IN DECEMBER, THAN HE WAS ABOUT "AMBIGUOUS FRIENDS" WHO, IT SAID, "NOW ARE TRYING TO SHAPE THE DESTINY OF SOUTH VIET NAM TO THEIR OWN SATISFACTION."

"THE MEN IN CHARGE OF OFFICIAL LINE DOVE (CAPS O'L, D) ARE TWO OLD HANDS IN COVERT ACTIVITIES," THONG SAID. "THEY ARE WILLIAM PORTER AND LINDSEY LANSDALE, THONG SAID. "THEY ARE WORKING UP IN THIS COUNTRY TO BRING THAT DUBS ITSELF 'AMERICAN FRIENDS OF VIET NAM'."

LANSDALE, WHOM THONG DESCRIBED AS CHIEF ARCHITECT OF A POLICY OF INCHING TOWARD THE COMMUNISTS, IS AMONG THOSE IN THE U.S. DELEGATION TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT TALKS IN HONOLULU WITH THE LEADERS OF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, PREMIER NGUYEN CAO KY AND CHIEF OF STATE NGUYEN VAN THIEU.

LANSDALE IS KNOWN IN THE FAR EAST AS A COUNTER-INSURGENCY EXPERT WHO PLAYED A ROLE IN THE SUPPRESSION OF THE HUK COMMUNIST REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND, IN VIET NAM, IN HELPING SHAPE A PACIFICATION PROGRAM.

THONG ACCUSED PORTER OF SPONSORING RELIANCE ON THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT OF COL. MOUARI BOUMEDJENE TO ARRANGE CONTACTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS DURING PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S BOMBING-PAUSE PEACE OFFENSIVE. HE SAID "THERE ARE REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT TALKS COLLAPSED CHIEFLY BECAUSE WASHINGTON COULD NOT IN TIME 'PRODUCE' A GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON TO THE LIKING OF THE COMMUNISTS, U.S., A GOVERNMENT HEADED AGAIN BY DR. PHAN HUY QUAT."

QUAT HEADED A SORT OF CIVILIANIZED GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON FOR EIGHT MONTHS UNTIL THE MILITARY OUSTED HIM LAST JUNE.

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